

| Process Name: Personnel Administration | Process Identifier: PA |
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| Sub-Process Name: Grievances | Sub-Process Identifier: PA-6 |

Sub-Process Purpose and Objectives: The process governs the way employee grievances are filed and processed **Sub-Process Description**: The grievance process begins when an employee files a grievance. Grievances enter the process in three distinct ways:

- Performance evaluation the employee may file a grievance about a performance evaluation if there were procedural issues (ex no job plan completed).
- Disciplinary action the employee may file a grievance concerning a disciplinary action. These grievances skip immediately to the fourth step of the grievance process.
- Other grievance the employee may file a grievance concerning many other issues such as working conditions, denial of leave, etc.

The grievance process has five steps following the initial filing of the grievance:

- Step one (First level supervisor review) The employee's first level supervisor reviews the grievance with the employee and makes a decision. If the grievance is resolved, then the process ends, and any personnel transactions that are required to implement the resolution are completed. If the employee does not agree with the decision, then they file a written grievance with the second level supervisor.
- Step two (Second level supervisor review) The employee's second level supervisor reviews the written grievance with the employee and makes a decision. The decision is documented in writing and given to the employee. If the grievance is resolved, then the process ends, and any personnel transactions that are required to implement the resolution are completed. If the employee does not agree with the decision, then they file a written grievance with the third level supervisor. If the employee does not have a third level supervisor, the process immediately proceeds to step four.
- Step three (Third level supervisor review) The employee's third level supervisor reviews the written grievance with the employee and makes a decision. The decision is documented in writing and given to the employee. If the grievance is resolved, then the process ends, and any personnel transactions that are required to implement the resolution are



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completed. If the employee does not agree with the decision, then they file a written grievance with the appointing authority (Commissioner, Executive Director, or their designee).

- Step four (Appointing authority review) The employee's appointing authority (Commissioner, Executive Director, or their designee) reviews the written grievance with the employee and makes a decision. The decision is documented in writing and given to the employee. If the grievance is resolved, then the process ends, and any personnel transactions that are required to implement the resolution are completed. If the employee does not agree with the decision, then they file a written grievance with the Civil Service Commission or the Department of Personnel.
- Step five (Department of Personnel or Civil Service Commission) The process followed in step five varies depending on the type of grievance. If the grievance is related to a performance evaluation, then the grievance is reviewed by the Commissioner of Personnel, and they make the final decision and inform the employee in writing. Any transactions required to implement the decision are completed. All other grievances are logged and forwarded to the Secretary of State. An administrative law judge then hears the case and makes a decision. The decision is communicated to both parties in writing. Either party may appeal this decision to the full Civil Service Commission. If there is an appeal, the Civil Service Commission reviews the grievance and makes a decision which is communicated to the employee, the agency, and DOP in writing. Following resolution, any transactions required to implement the decision are completed.

Sub-Process Trigger(s):

- Grievance from performance evaluation
- Grievance from a disciplinary action
- Grievance filed by employee over employment conditions, leave denial, etc.

Key Sub-Process Participants:

- Employee
- Agency
- Personnel
- Civil Service Commission
- Secretary of State

Inputs:

| Input | Format | Volume/Time | Suppliers |
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| Personnel master file | Database | 45,000 active employees | Personnel and agency users |
| Grievance | Verbal or paper | | Employee |



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| Appeal of administrative law judge decision | Paper | | Employee or agency |
| Outputs: | | | |
| Output | Format | Volume/Time | Recipients |
| Decision on grievance | Paper | | Employee |
| Personnel transactions | Online | | Personnel |
| Leave adjustments (C-7) | Online/paper | | Agency/Personnel I |
| Payroll supplemental transactions | Online/paper | | Agency/Personnel |
| Timesheet updates | Online/paper | | Agency/Personnel |
| Performance Measures Track | ked: | | |
| Measure | | Approx. Value | Target Value |
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| Current Sub-Process Issues | Problems: | | |
| Improvement Opportunities: | | | -4 |
| Opportunity Merge cells to link one Opportunity to multiple impacts) | | Organizational Impacts (Individually list and describe laws [L] regulations [R], and policies [P], as well as cultural [C] considerations for each opportunity) | |



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| Applications that Support the Sub-process | | |
| Application Name(s) | Technology Description | |
| (Internal name and vendor's name) | (Programming vendor, language, platform, database, etc.) | |
| SEIS | In house developed, COBOL, IBM mainframe, IMS | |















